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SUBJECT: Report and Recommendations on Central Register of Intelligence Information; Planning Directive No. 25.

1. The Central Planning Staff originated the proposal that a central register of intelligence information be established in order that (1) each intelligence agency could have a readily accessible catalogue of intelligence information available in the other Government agencies, and (2) the adequacy of collected intelligence information could be readily checked.

2. Initially, representatives from the intelligence libraries of State, War, Navy, and Air were called to an informal conference at C.I.G., at which meeting there was unanimous agreement that a central register of intelligence information should be established.

3. Inasmuch as there was not full agreement as to the method and technique of operating a central register, the Library of Congress was requested to furnish C.I.G. with several library experts capable of analysing the filing

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and control problems. Three experts from the Library have visited each of the four intelligence agencies and discussed the requirements and operations of the four libraries.

4. On 19 July 1946, Mr. Schweitman of the Library of Congress, one of the individuals who investigated the problem, stated he would have a written report with recommendations at C.I.G. on or about 24 July 1946. To date, this report has not been received.

5. Further action is required. It is recommended that it be referred to the Interdepartmental Coordination and Planning Staff inasmuch as the action will require coordination of departmental activities.

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